

Tight Lines Newsletter

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Presidents Note:

Free pizza with the price of admission! Who doesn't like that? This month sees our annual club hosted and paid for pizza party held during the November meeting. Ok, you've contributed through your dues, raffle ticket purchases and donations. So, take advantage!

Speaking of raffles, this month will be one of the best. Check out page 3 for details on the top two prizes.



November is also the time for member speakers. Its always a fun and interesting change of pace. They are stepping up to educate you. Come out and support them.

I'm still hearing of members hitting the water for late season action. Some big bass and lake trout have come to hand (see BFOTM pg). I'm a reluctant ice guy so I'll be trying to squeeze in some last minute outings while water remains soft.

Info and ticket order forms for our Holiday Party & Awards Banquet on Sunday Dec 10 have been emailed out. Forms will also be available at the next meeting. Get the date on your calendar and get your tickets bought as soon as you can. We'd like this to be the biggest banquet yet! It will be a lot of fun.

See you all at the November meeting on Tuesday the 21st.

Chris Popp - President

This Month's Speakers

Do you ever look over and see another angler using something you haven't seen before? Maybe a special technique, a different rig, or some interesting gear that you haven't thought of trying? Lots of fishermen have their own way of doing things that could be helpful to you.

Four of your fellow club members will be sharing the tips, tricks and hacks they've come up with to enhance their fishing pleasure. From homemade rigs, to storage systems, to support tackle, these members have found ways to save money while increasing their joy of the angling experience.

Key Dates

Club Meetings
Nov 21 (Pizza Pty)
Jan 16

Officer Elections
At Nov 21 mtg.

Holiday Party & Awards Banquet
Sun Dec 10

Toys for Tots
Nov. mtg & Dec. pty

Outings
Jan 23 -Chain Ice

This Month's Speakers

Arlington Anglers Fishing Club



Visit our website at: www.arlingtonanglers.com

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Member Speaker Night

Tricks, Tips & Hacks



Phil Steiner



Matt Van



Frank Mucci



Rich Sutton

November is the month club members share something they have interest in or an accomplishment they've achieved. This year there will be 4 presentations highlighting tips and hacks they've come up with to enhance their fishing experience, which could help you be more successful or have more fun, as well. It's always enjoyable and a surprise to see what they come up with.

Support your fellow members and learn something along the way. Be sure to join us for Member Speaker Night.

Club Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month Jan.- Nov.

Poplar Creek Banquets
2354 W. Higgins Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Guests Welcome
Fee \$3 members | \$8 non
6:30 PM Start

November Raffle Grand Prize – St Croix Avid!



Our November raffle will be one of the highest values ever. The grand prize is a St. Croix Avid spinning rod retailing at \$220!

This premium fishing rod is a 7' medium power with fast action, perfect for improving your finesse fishing success.

But there's more! 2nd prize is a Daiwa Exceler LT 2500D-XH spinning reel valued at \$100. Either prize is highly coveted!

There will also be 4 additional great consolation prizes worth another \$155 for \$475 in total!

Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Be sure to attend to get yours!



Bob's Fishing Report

By: Bob Diebold



AREA LAKES AND PONDS:

Bluegills hot early around isolated weed clumps. Try a jig and quiver minnow. The mid-afternoon bass bite has been the best with spinner baits along deeper weed edges.

CHAIN O'LAKES: Channels have bait which brings in the crappie, bluegill, bass and pike. Use tubes or floats with minnows for crappie. White bass slower but plenty are being caught. Muskies going on suckers in 8-15 feet in Channel, Catherine and Marie. Perch and bluegill are good in 2 fow on ice jigs and waxies under small floats. Cats continue on minnows, chicken liver or cutbait. Walleye good on Rippin' Raps, big blade baits or suckers in 15-20 fow.

LAKE MICHIGAN ON SHORE: Coho and steelhead coming on minnows, jigs, or nightcrawlers under bobbers. Returning 4 year old kings being taken on skein, spoons and crankbaits. Cast glow spoons at night. Perch are starting to come into the

harbors. Large schools have been spotted out from Navy Pier. Use minnows, worms, shrimp, and artificials tipped with wax worms.

LAKE MICHIGAN OFF SHORE:

Lake trout are starting to school up on the gravel spawning reefs.

DELAVAN: Use deep diving crank baits or jig in 35 fow for walleyes. Pike slow - try medium suckers on 12-17 ft weed edges. BGs down 20 in 35-40 fow. Perch are moving shallower. LM in 4-6' around docks.

GENEVA: SM all over on minnows or perch on Carolina rigs. Shallower fish seem more active. Perch in 2-9 fow using minnows/floats. LM are around the piers. Use spinner baits or a white swim jig. Walleye going at night trolling bays in 30 feet.

FOX RIVER: Water level is very low and crystal clear. SM feeding well on NEDs, hair jigs, paddle tails, square bills & jerk baits. Catfish active on cut bait below the dams.

GREEN BAY: Big SM on spoons, NED Rigs, and larger minnows in 25-35 fow in and outside of bays.

DuPAGE RIVER: SM active bottom bouncing Ned rigs on current edge.

Last Month's Speaker Tips By: Brian O'Connor



Yarmuth & O'Connor



This column provides several of the many takeaways from the last month's speaker. Cory Yarmuth of Legends Outdoors spoke to the Club in October 2023 on "Fall & Winter Great Lakes Tributary Fishing", in which he shared some tips & tricks about fishing various nearby Great Lakes tributaries for steelhead and salmon. He covered reading water, choosing the proper gear and presentation, as well as how to utilize proper drifting techniques.

A few key takeaways included Kenosha Harbor being his favorite place to fish from shore due to the various water run-off spots and the number of fish stacked in these locations at

the right time of year. Cory prefers to use lighter 6-8 lb mono with spoons, live bait, spawn sacks, crankbaits and X-raps to name a few lures. As for his favorite place to fish from a boat for a harbor bite, Cory said that would undoubtedly be Milwaukee Harbor due to the plethora of opportunities it presents on a regular basis. He also likes the Indiana harbors later in the year.

In terms of timing, Cory chases chinook salmon in the Fall, brown trout and steelhead in late Fall/Winter, browns and coho salmon in the Spring, and steelhead and king salmon in the Summer.

October Meeting Raffle Winners



Steiner & Popp

In addition to our door prizes, which all attendees have about a 1 in 4 winning chance, we also hold a separate optional raffle.

Our October Grand Prize was a Coleman Roadtrip folding portable propane grill valued at \$200! Pictured at left with President Chris Popp is the happy winner, Phil Steiner.

Five other great consolation prizes were also raffled off. Winners at right in order: Frank Mucci (Black Fire Clamp Light),

Sean Pitner (Set of "Chatterbaits"), Al Matz (\$25 Bar Down Grill gift certificate), Ken Vyleta (Deluxe BBQ tool kit), and Tom Gransee (Ugly Stick/ Daiwa Spin combo).

The door prize raffle included 19 other fishing items worth \$2-\$10.



November Is Pizza Party Month!



Our annual pizza party will be held during the first half hour of our November meeting prior to starting the business and speaker segments. This party is hosted and paid for by the club from the general fund. Free eats for the price of admission! Soft drinks will also be included. Any alcoholic beverages will be on the attendees to purchase.

Considering we rarely have enough time to socialize during regular meetings this is a great time to hang with other members and talk about our great sport.

Also during this meeting we will hold our 2024 officer elections. At this time there is only one candidate per position, so the election should go quite quickly.

We will also have one of our best raffles. Be sure to buy some tickets to help us pay for the food. If you win your attendance will get you a double bonus!

And, of course, it's our member speaker night. Come out and support your fellow members and show your appreciation.

Community Outreach – Toys For Tots



This year we once again will be participating in the Toys For Tots toy drive to provide gifts for those children that are less fortunate than many others.

Because of a chronic shortage we have been asked to focus on toys that are appropriate for kids aged 10 and up. \$10 - \$20 would be a good price range.

Normally we collect donations at our Holiday Party. If you absolutely can't make it to the banquet this year we will also be collecting them at the November meeting.

Please be generous. Your gift will mean a lot to a deserving child. FYI -No cash, gift cards, or stuffed animals can be accepted.

2024 Dues Are Now Being Collected



Dues for the 2024 season are now being collected. We are happy to announce that, in spite of inflation, we are holding the family membership to \$40. This is only possible because of our growing membership, their generous purchase of raffle tickets at meetings, and their tackle donations for our Rolling

Meadows flea market sales. It's very important to us that you will be renewing and continuing your support of the club.

Please get your dues in early. It's a big help for our cash flow and to our Treasurer's daunting workload. Instructions for payment can be found on pg 11.

Holiday Party and Awards Banquet



The highlight and culmination of the year is our Holiday Party and Awards Banquet to be held 6-9PM Sunday December 10 at Moretti's Special Events in Hoffman Estates.

This is a time for members and many significant others to join together to celebrate the holidays, recognize our Big Fish Contest winners, and to collect donations for our Toys for Tots initiative. Based on our picnic attendance we expect a big turnout for this event.

The cost will be \$45 per person. This includes a 3 course buffet dinner, unlimited soft drinks, and a raffle ticket for one of two Jewel gift cards. A one hour cash bar reception will precede dinner. The awards program will follow dinner.

Ticket order forms (see below) were recently emailed to all members. Please schedule the date and plan on attending, Significant others are invited. The deadline for ticket sales is 12/1. Please get your orders in as soon as possible.

Banquet Buffet Menu:

- Garden salad w/choice of dressing
- Freshly baked bread
- A generous selection of 3 Entrees
 - Rosemary Lemon Chicken
 - Roast Sirloin of Beef
 - Parmesan Crusted Salmon
- Fresh Vegetable Medley
- Homemade Mashed Potatoes
- Desert – Vanilla Ice Cream
- Unlimited Soft Drinks/Coffee



ARLINGTON ANGLERS HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023
 COCKTAILS 6-7 PM (**CASH BAR**)
 DINNER 7PM to 9PM



PRICE : **\$45** PER PERSON (ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY)

Location: Moretti's Unique Events 2525 W Higgins Rd. Hoffman Estates 847-885-0400	Buffet Style menu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh Garden Salad /Rolls Potatoes and Vegetables Beef, Chicken, Fish Ice Cream Dessert Soft Drinks/Coffee
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RETURN BOTTOM HALF WITH YOUR CHECK TO:
"ARLINGTON ANGLERS"
PLEASE PAY NO LATER THAN 12/1/23

By Mail: Arlington Anglers C/O Rich Sutton 719 W. Catino St. Arlington Heights, IL 60005	In Person: Bring to November meeting By Zelle online via your bank: arlangfc19@gmail.com F/U by email to same with name, address, & phone #
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Check enclosed for (# people times x **\$45.00**) = Total \$ _____

Name(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

**PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR
 "TOYS FOR TOTS"**

What Do Your Club Officers Do?

Board Positions:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Speaker Chairman
Outing Chairman
Newsletter Chair
Big Fish Chairman
Web Master
Sergeant at Arms

Most members like to get involved when it's convenient, which is fine. We are fortunate that others like to, or are willing, to join the process of making the member experience a positive one for all others by volunteering for an officer role. These members' time and efforts are immeasurable to our success. They cannot be thanked enough.

Arlington Anglers' 11 elected club officers are all members of the Board of Directors. The Board meets most months to discuss club policies and plan yearly activities. All provide input and get one vote when decisions need to be made.

Committee Position

Community Outreach Coordinator

While our by laws define positions, all engage in other roles, wherever needed. Here is a quick rundown:

President – The main responsibility is organizing the direction of the club, working with each officer to assure that all the operational elements are functioning properly. He/she presides over the board meetings and moderates the general meetings, developing the agendas for both. Among others, existing additional duties include buying raffle prizes, preparing the newsletter, and event planning.

Vice President – Presently this role is focused on sponsor and discount partner development and member relations.

Secretary – Keeping the board meeting minutes and working the check in desk at general meetings are the primary roles. Running our RM flea market sales is another.

Treasurer – This is our most critical position. Managing the budget, paying the bills, collecting and depositing revenue from various streams, dealing with insurance and taxes, maintaining our member database, and being the financial conscience of the club are all under the auspices of this position.

Speaker Chairman – Develops the annual speaker topic schedule and negotiates speaker fees. Also writes a recap article for the newsletter.

Outing Chairman - Maintains the outing schedule and assists those members that wish to organize a club endorsed outing. Procuring door prizes and helping at the general meeting check-in desk are also current roles.

Newsletter Chairman – Writes the monthly newsletter fishing report and distributes the newsletter by email. Also helps to maintain the 1100+ subscribers database.

Big Fish Chairman – Manages the year long Big Fish Contest and creates the end of the year awards.

Webmaster – Maintains and updates the club website monthly.

Sergeant at Arms – We have two positions. Their primary roles are distributing and/or selling door prize and raffle tickets at the monthly general meetings.

Community Outreach Coordinator – Although not a voting position this committee head is the face of our community volunteer initiatives.

Big Fish of the Month



Big Fish of the Month goes to Dan Blaszcinski for his 22" 6.75 pound smallmouth bass! Dan has caught a lot of SMB in his life but never one this big. His PB for sure!

Dan was recently fishing on Green Bay catching a decent number of good size smallies on a jigging spoon when this one hit.

He was beyond excited when he got it in the boat and realized what he had. Way to go, Dan!

Honorable Mention #1



First Honorable Mention goes to Dave McCoy for his 35.5 inch Lake Trout. Dave was throwing his favorite Bink's Spoon on a reef in Lake Michigan when this brute gave him a tussle.

Kid Fish of the Month



Kid Fish of the Month goes to 9 year old James Hurrell, grandson of member Adrian, for his 35" Common Carp which is the new Colorado state length record! He knocked off granddad from his perch as the previous record holder. Wow!

Adrian's 4 grandchildren were visiting him from England. All are budding & enthusiastic anglers!

Please share your love of fishing with a child. Whether it's a relative, a friend, or a neighbor, submit a picture when you do!

Honorable Mention #2



Second Honorable Mention goes to Steve Jung for his 20.5" largemouth bass. Steve was out at a local pond tossing plastics and catching a number of bass, this one the biggest of the bunch.

Sponsor Page - Please support those that support us



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Member Discounts

Being a member of the Arlington Anglers comes with many benefits. Following is a list of sponsors that offer discounts to our members with their membership card. Be aware, some manufacturers do not allow discounts by their dealers. Also, discount percentages could change at any time, at our partner's discretion.



GRANDT RODS

GRANDT INDUSTRIES INC.,
PO box 772 Arlington Heights, IL. 60006
847-577-0848 Jim Grandt
Website: grandtrods.com

Discount: 20% off internet rod prices, plus free hat (while in stock). Free pickup in Arlington Heights. Also, any Pflueger reel in stock can be purchased to create a combo at \$15 off internet retail price. **(Must show membership card at pickup)**
Standard shipping costs apply if products are shipped.



ANGLERS INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

1272 E. Dundee Rd. Palatine IL 60074
847-991-3200
Website: FishinGurus.com
Discount: 10% on tackle & bait



LEE'S BAIT AND TACKLE (2 Locations)

1010 East Higgins Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
847-593-6424
1400 W. Army Trail Rd., Carol Stream, IL. 60188
630-830-5337
Website: Leesglobaltackle.com
Discount: 10% min. on tackle, depending on mfg.



Fish Tech

5802 Dempster St. Morton Grove IL 60053
847-966-5900
Website: fishtechmg.com
Discount: 10% off tackle and bait



LiveBaitFishingTackle.com

Online or 630-235-2162
Discount: 15% off floats, line, tackle, rods, reels & bait.
Use code "arlington" at checkout. Also, 15% off lessons, classes, and guiding at Chicagofishingschool.com.



Battery Service Corporation

410 S. Evergreen St. Bensenville, IL. 60106
630-595-4244
Website: batteryservice.com
Discount: Dealer prices with card



Catch Co.

www.catchco.com
Discount Site: www.shopkarls.com
Discount: \$10 off a minimum \$25 purchase
Use Promo code ARLANG10

Renew Your Membership or Join The Club

Yearly dues are the financial life-blood of our club. They pay our speakers, insurance, shows, pizza party, and other operating expenses. Presently, our annual family membership is \$40.00. Please renew or join today!

We've now added Zelle quick pay to our options: (arlangfc19@gmail.com). So, 3 ways to pay: (1)Zelle, (2)at a meeting, or (3)check by mail. New members - use the form below or visit our "Join Our Club" web page.

Bring checks made out to "Arlington Anglers" to a meeting or mail to:

Arlington Anglers
C/O Rich Sutton
719 W. Catino St.
Arlington Hts., IL 60005



We're on the Web!

www.arlingtonanglers.com

or

QR Code (to the right)

or

FACEBOOK at: Arlington Anglers



Renewing members need only provide Date and Name.

Fill out completely and mail with your check.

Today's Date: ___/___/___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Email Address: _____

Some months this newsletter is shorter than others. I haven't figured out yet how to delete pages at the end of the template when they aren't needed. Therefore, you may see some blank pages. They will be identified as such in those instances. – Chris Popp

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